

"Of all smells, bread; of all tastes, salt."

# Mothers News

THE PAPER OF RECORD

previously the Olneyville Ledger  
previously the "Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen" letters column  
previously the Boston Ballet inter-office memo

NB: this issue contains adult themes, like leather-bound books and boiled cabbage.

## SERIOUS DESKTOP

Welcome to November! If the year is a lifetime, and January is a toddling jazz baby, and December is an old begierdo diapering off to a comfy grave, November is a man wearing powder blue pants, pulling them up as high as feels right, strawhatted, waiting at a bus stop, carrying a tuna sandwich in a plastic bag, or ordering a tuna sandwich at a restaurant. Senescence, Acceptance, and Enjoyment Of Maturity. Not all the way to Looking Back On A Job Well Done, or even Winding Down, we are not interested in that. More like coasting on totally appropriate power levels, and being prepared for what comes. Here at the Mothers News office we know what's coming so we're getting ready to coze waaaaay down for the winter: plasticking the windows, stockpiling scientifiction books and films, and searching Craigslist for exercise bikes. Like Farmer Arepo to the right there, we plan on keeping the works in motion.

## HOLIDAYS IN NOVEMBER

November is National Novel Writing Month, Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, and the month dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory (in the Roman Catholic Church). If you want your hair to grow faster, cut it on the 6th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 16th, 17th, or 20th of November. If you want to cut it so it stays cut for longer, try the 4th, 5th, 23rd, 24th, 27th, or 28th. The Leonids, a prolific meteor shower associated with the comet Tempel-Tuttle, will happen sometime between the 10th of November and the 21st, and will probably reach its apex on the 17th. The birth flower for people born this month is the chrysanthemum. "The white chrysanthemum / Even when lifted to the eye / Remains immaculate". Basho said that, he died on November 28, 1694. Basho was always saying cool stuff...

## MOON NEWS

In addition to influencing the days on which you should cut your hair, the Moon provides reflected light at night, makes surfing possible, and may soon (already?) harbor human life in the form of lunar settlers who will SURELY die either (for some reason) young and gnarled or (for some reason) very old, smooth, and silvery.

There's a particular dignity to a thing that is named its own word. There are other moons (Io, Ganymede, Titan, etc.), but ours is just called "the Moon". Growing up we had a cat that came to us an adult stray, and we always just called him "the Cat". The Cat was alot like the Moon- predictable, with weird moods, ineffable qualities, dark in color, but comparably reflective against a backdrop of infinite vastness. Both the moon and the cat appeared larger when closer to the horizon, in both cases a purely psychological effect. Both the Cat and the Moon have a texture not unlike snow and a smell not unlike spent gunpowder. At this point the similarities end. The Cat would wake me up by stepping on my face-- the effects of the Moon are more subtle.

-Gravitational coupling between the Moon and the bulge nearest the Moon acts as a torque on the Earth's rotation, draining angular momentum and rotational kinetic energy from the Earth's spin. In turn, angular momentum is added to the Moon's orbit, accelerating it, which lifts the Moon into a higher orbit with a longer period. As a result, the distance between the Earth and Moon is increasing, and the Earth's spin is slowing down. Measurements from lunar ranging experiments with laser reflectors left during the Apollo missions have found that the Moon's distance to the Earth increases by 38 mm per year. Atomic clocks also show that the Earth's day lengthens by about 15 microseconds every year.

- The prevailing hypothesis today is that the Earth-Moon system formed as a result of a giant impact: a Mars-sized body hit the nearly formed proto-Earth, blasting material into orbit, which accreted to form the Moon. Giant impacts are thought to have been common in the early Solar System.

- A longstanding European tradition holds that the man in the moon was banished for some crime. One medieval Christian tradition claims him as Cain, the Wanderer, forever doomed to circle the Earth. Dante's Inferno alludes to this:

"For now doth Cain with fork of thorns confine  
On either hemisphere, touching the wave  
Beneath the towers of Seville. Yesternight  
The moon was round."

John Lyly says in the prologue to his Endymion (1591), "There liveth none under the sunne, that knows what to make of the man in the moone."

- Previous to current use, "to moon" meant "to wander idly" or "to pine romantically". Now of course it means what it means, an act that is alternately mocking, fun-loving, and both. In many traditions this gesture also has an apotropaic (good luck) element, as a mockery towards a supernatural enemy. In the United States, mooning someone or something is a form of artistic expression protected by the United States constitutional right of freedom of speech.

## MORE POEMS

by MW  
Beauty (2)

Beaming yes is  
tilted, surely  
yawn a quiet  
subtle awl  
to eye the slant  
of wanted  
purely  
for its unromantic  
sprawl



THEE AMBROSE BIERCE MEMORIAL  
WORD JUMBLE  
by Ambrose Bierce before he died



HAIVENETCME - The death of endeavor  
and the birth of disgust.

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NLDCEGKEAOW - To confess.

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ALYUCLAT - Perhaps; possibly.

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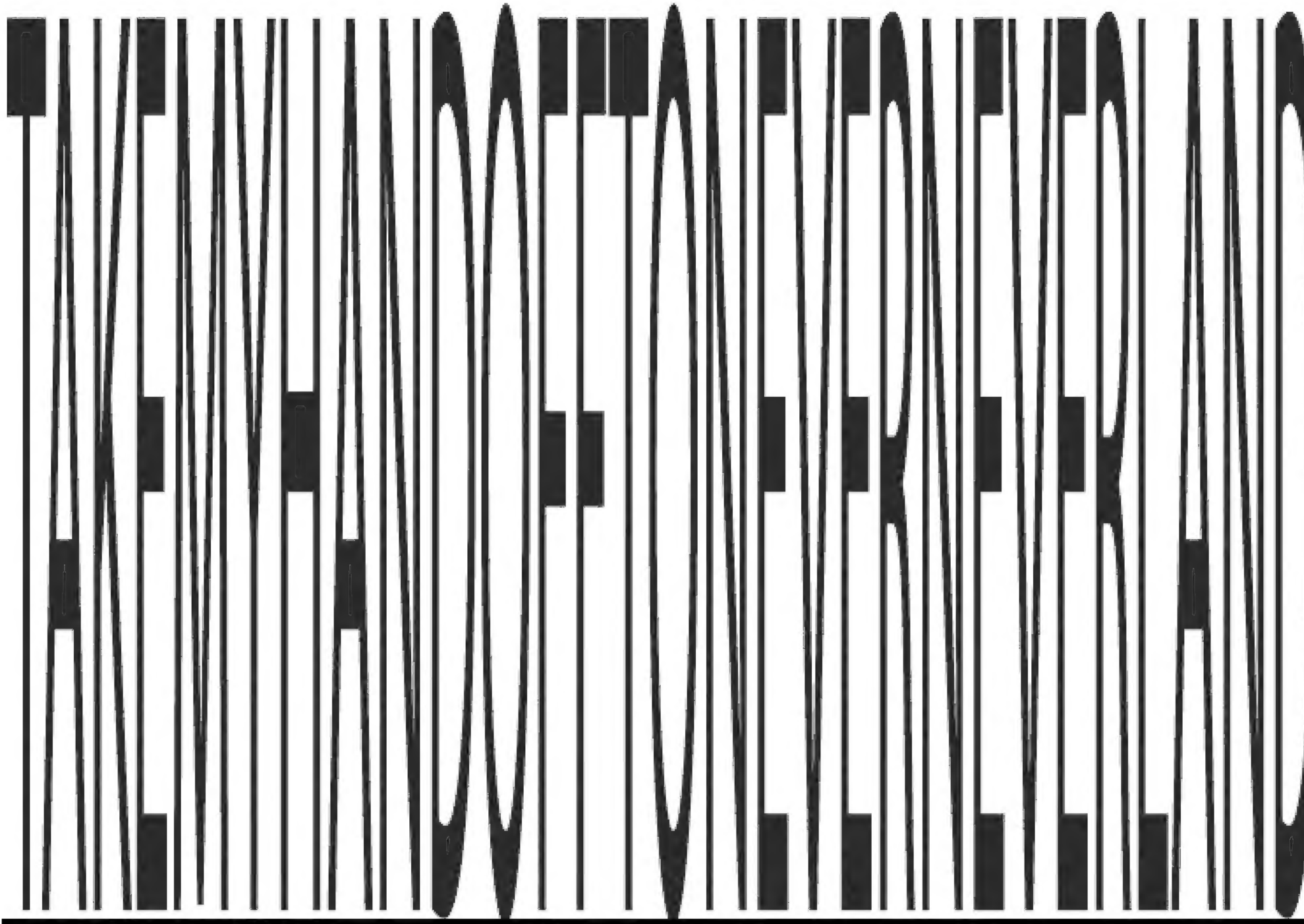
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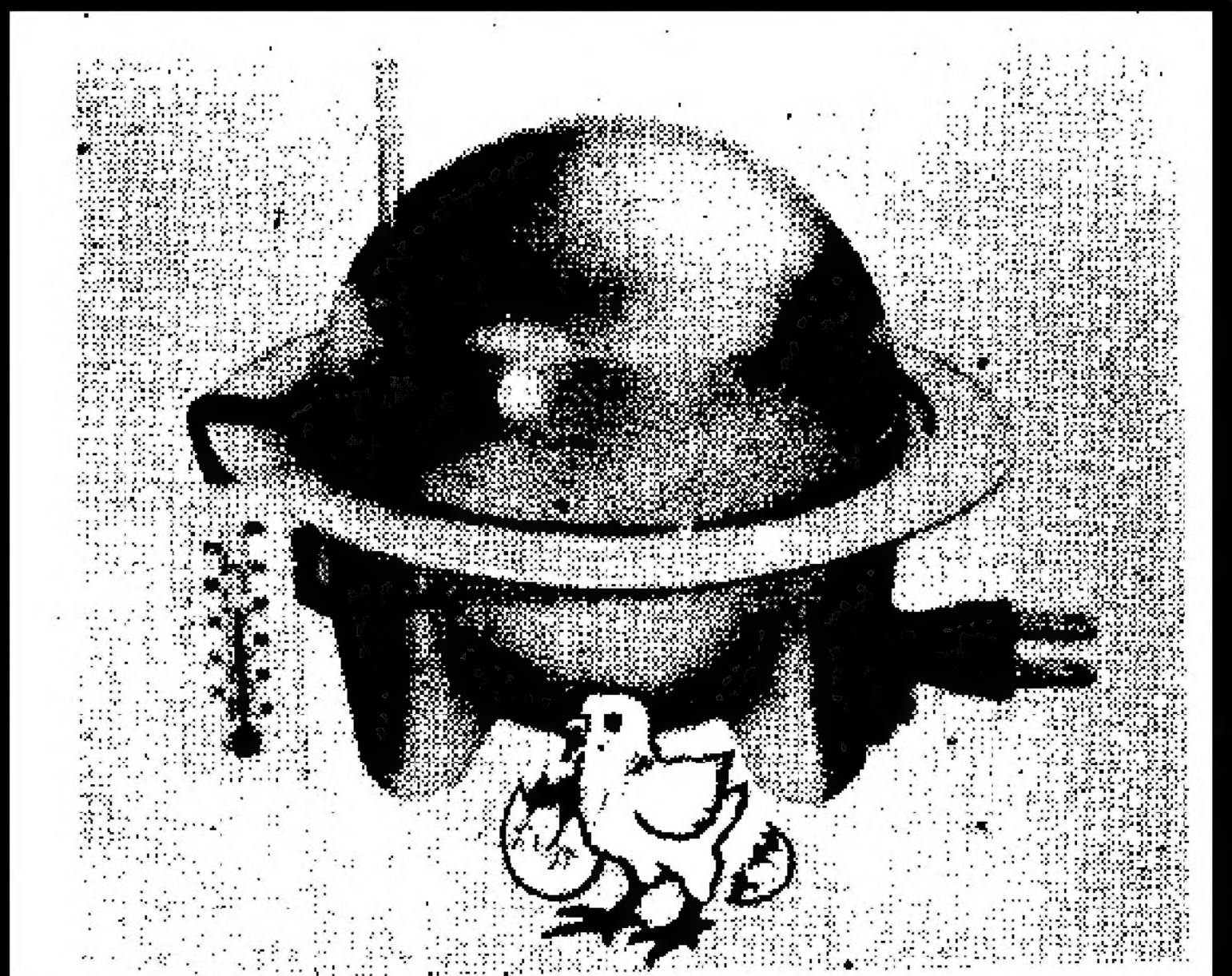
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THIS IS THE 20th CENTURY, PEOPLE!

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11/6: b.bros+goddard  
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11/12: what cheer? brigade  
+shellshag+bonezone+street eaters

11/18: wham city presents: a night of comedy

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jean says: "i'm not moving, just gonna be in new orleans for the month teaching some nerdy silkscreen stuff. write to me!"

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Psst! November's password is "BEZOAR" ("BEE zohr"). If anyone asks you for "Mother's Good Word", that's what it is, November only. If you need a password for any reason, and you want it to expire in a month, please use Mother's Good Word.

**COOL DOG**

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"the Broom Closet"

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**LANGUAGE LAB**


USEFUL YIDDISH

- Aroysgevofener: Thrown away, wasted, dumpstered.
- Bupkis: literally, beans. nothing.
- Fershlugginer: crazy. wacky and worthless
- Gelt: Gold. Money.
- Gib a kick: give a look. Check it out.
- Oysvorf: an outcast, an unlikely, unpopular person.
- Plotz: literally to explode, i.e. from overeating, from excitement, from anticipation.
- Tuchus: (toukch-uss) rear end, tush.
- Zaftig: literally, "juicy." in referring to people who are robust and healthy, curvy even. always a compliment!

**ROLL YOUR OWN YINGLISH**

- -veldt means town or place- yenenmsveldt and eckveldt are "nowheresville" and "endsville" respectively. So geltsveldt is "moneysville", moldsveldt is a dirty basement, and tuchusveldt is a bumpin dance floor.
- -nik means "thing (or person) that does the thing"- a beatnik beats on a bongo, a nogoodnik is "up to no good" and a noisenik is a person who likes/performs noise music.
- -mensch means "person" or "man". A luftmensch is an air-head. A linuxmensch is someone good at configuring open source software.

Yiddish is a wonderful and expressive language spoken mostly by old comedians. Why (you ask) is a language so rich in name-calling, sarcasm, and irony the least bit valuable, in a world already saturated with self-styled comedians, bitter sarcastrated phonies, and meaningless "ironic" turd burgulars? because in Yiddish there is a great closeness, rather than distance, and a great appetite, rather than refinement. it is a simultaneous "hey shut up /hey come here". everyone eats at bubbe's table!



**TRICKS N TIPS**

Let's be honest with ourselves and start thinking about winter, about how it always takes it toll, and about the ways we can mitigate that toll. I think the most important thing we can do right now is get into good habits, because it's waaay easier to keep a habit than to initiate a major wellness campaign, especially when you're a little bummed out trying to not be too bummed out but you're bummed out enough that you kind of want to bail the campaign and stay bummed out. Here is a list of tips and tricks for sanity and personal development that we all need to start on TODAY so that once winter falls in a serious "John Carpenter's 'The Thing'" way, we are a bunch of scrappy and drug-rugged whimsically-sombreroed Kurt Russells, not a pack of whiny idiot exploding dogs.

- Do 5 or 10 pushups (or crunches) every time you check your email, before you check your email. If you can't do "real" pushups at first, you're allowed to go only partway down, or from your knees rather than your toes, but you should work up to doing them the real way. Add more when you start getting rippedder.
- If you have a hard time getting out of bed in the morning, PRACTICE getting out of bed during the day/at night. Set your alarm clock to 2 minutes in the future, get in bed under the covers, let your brain think you're going to bed, then when the alarm goes off, get up. Do like 3 reps a day, and pretty soon you'll have built a good habit of getting out of bed when the alarm rings and it's not a big deal. Seems silly but it works and the reason it works is that you're a different person at night than you are in the morning, but what you have in common is simple habit. I mean, you should get enough sleep, but sleeping too much will just make you more tired.
- It's important when you're working hard on some sort of problem-solving task (like editing a newspaper) to take a fully frivolous break (like throwing rocks at water) to provide time and space in which thoughts can coagulate into ideas. But during this downtime, don't think about the problem at hand! Don't think about anything. Similarly it's important to give yourself a present every day. Don't get decadent, but if you hold the reins too tight your horse can't even see where he's stepping! So take time out, get a V8, then get back on it with a refreshed and renewed (or at least misted) vigor. Build up some wintertime funmoney by putting all your change in a big juice bottle at the end of the day huh. To keep yourself from fishing out the silver all the time, put water in the bottle, enough to cover the coins an inch, making emptying it enough of a pain in the ass that you don't do it every day huh.
- Stay-at-home types need to still dress up. Wearing jammies all day because you can will ultimately bum you out. If anything you should dress up more the more important it is to get something done, even to ridiculous extremes. If your roommate tries to distract+entice you away from a project with, say, a pancake idea, but then they come to your door and you're screenprinting posters while dressed like marlene dietrich? They'll be like oh, you're in the middle of something, and you'll know that regardless of the extravagance of the madness, there's a true and blazing method. It might seem like you should look a slob so you'll be embarrassed to leave the house, but this is not productive!

**GOSSIP SECTION**

BABY BEAR got accidentally hit by a bottle at the ZARLAG show at CHEMICAL DUNGEON. Nothing broke, not even the bottle, and he's fine. He literally "took it on the chin". DIANA JOY is leaving town... frown face... JACK PRIAM earned his tin star as Sheriff of Barf City, ejecting some rowdies from the Hullaweenabaloo for saying bad things about Warwick, a proud and honorable Barf County township. Go Wizards! FRANK SANTORO seen browsing at ADA BOOKS, asking who the colorist was on assorted Penguin Classic Paperbacks. No one knew... NOT-ALL-THERE KENT threw a fit at the last BLOWED-OFF show on account of not enough breakable items scattered around the stage area... Them's the breaks, Nutty! Or rather, them's not! Speaking of a performer failing to create intrigue re: "is it going to break?", I saw TIM BLECHHER play a show at MIT the other day. It was cool... in parts... OK, I swear to GOD this is real- JESSICA RYLAN played (this is at the Maryanne Amacher tribute) and during her set she answered her phone TWICE! I could not believe it! Entire back row (KFW, REBAR, GARBAGE MAN, YRS TRULY) made 1 simultaneous slo-mo HOME ALONE "yesssss" grab. Jessica- keep making tapes!!!!!! ...KATY FOLEY's sub-legal nail salon has been evicted. But don't frown too down- plans are in the works to start a wood-fired salon/huff-yurt behind Meredith's house... CHRIS CORSANO is trying to grow a beard so if you see him for God's sake say something nice about how rugged he looks or did he just kill a guy or does he have a knife you can borrow for a couple days. I chose cattiness and he hit me 6 times before I hit the ground. In 5/8 time no less! GEORGE WASHINGTON MYERS is still fresh. Still a fresh dude. JONES CHANDLER seen at Cable Car Cinemas trying to sneak brunch into the theatre. I know it wasn't lunch because there was scrambled eggs and I know it wasn't breakfast because there was cantaloupe. Try that at the Patriot, B! I mean the ex-Patriot... GOOD LUCK!

**CORRECTIONS**

- In August's issue, "jig" was mistakenly spelled "gig". Sorry for the confusion.
- In June's issue we said that the CIA didn't directly sponsor Abstract Expressionism in order to insure that America stayed a major cultural center. Recent confessions have proved that they did, and that it was a good move! Sorry for the confusion.
- We forgot to attribute some drawings in October's issue- the two big-eared demons were drawn by Jim Drain. the skull guy and terrible ghouls were drawn by CF. May Worth is drawn by Joe Giella. Sorry for the confusion.

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